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Re: McGannon Scholarship

Dear Joe Restoule;

I would like to thank the very generous companies and individuals who have provided the funds necessary for this award as well as those who govern the McGannon Foundation. The strong community within risk and insurance was not something I could have anticipated when I started my degree three and a half years ago, but now I feel as though this community is one of the many great benefits to a risk career.

As a small town girl from Invermere, British Columbia, I chose to attend the Haskayne School of Business in Calgary, Alberta so that I could be close to my family. I have known for a long time that my path would be business, but I only stumbled upon the little -advertised area of risk while in my third year of studies. After taking my first risk course I was hooked and swiftly changed my business concentration to Risk Management and Insurance.

As a student in my last year of studies, I tend to be quite overwhelmed with schoolwork, part-time work, extracurricular involvements, maintaining friendships and trying to occasionally get a full night of sleep. Receiving awards such as this simplify my life in important ways and allow me to not focus on potentially looming debt, but rather, on my studies. This award has given me enough financial stability to secure my place in the University of Calgary International Risk Markets class, and I could not be more delighted to have the opportunity to see Lloyds of London and visit captives in Bermuda all in the same trip. I would not have been able to afford this trip otherwise and I am so grateful that the McGannon Scholarship has encouraged me to pursue this dream.

I look forward to becoming involved in the risk community upon graduation, whether in Calgary or Vancouver. Your support and faith in me means a great deal and I hope to give back through future involvement in RIMS as well as through donations to organizations, such as the William H. McGannon Foundation, so that future risk students can have opportunities such as what has been made available to myself.

Thank you for honoring me with this award.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Sellers